

SECTION 2. Section 41.002(g), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) The wealth per student that a district may have under Subsection (e) is adjusted as follows:

$AWPS = WPS \times (((EWL/280,000 - 1) \times DTR/1.17 [1.5]) + 1)$ where:

“AWPS” is the district’s wealth per student;

“WPS” is the district’s wealth per student determined under Subsection (e);

“EWL” is the equalized wealth level; and

“DTR” is the district’s adopted maintenance and operations tax rate for the current school year.

SECTION 3. Section 13.054(f), Education Code, as amended by this Act, and Section 13.054(h), Education Code, as added by this Act, apply only to an annexation that occurs on or after September 1, 2017. An annexation that occurs before that date is governed by Section 13.054(f), Education Code, as that section existed at the time the annexation occurred.

SECTION 4. Section 13.054(g), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies to a school district to which territory is annexed under that section on or after July 1, 2016.

SECTION 5. The commissioner of education is required to implement this Act only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the commissioner of education may, but is not required to, implement this Act using other appropriations available for the purpose.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on May 15, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendments on May 25, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendments, on May 23, 2017: Yeas 146, Nays 0, one present not voting.

Approved June 1, 2017.

Effective June 1, 2017.

DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN LEGISLATION ON CONTRACT CARRIERS AS THE JUSTIN LITTLE ACT

CHAPTER 426

S.B. No. 1384

AN ACT

relating to the designation of certain legislation on contract carriers as the Justin Little Act.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 126 (S.B. 481), Acts of the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009, is designated as the Justin Little Act.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed the Senate on April 26, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House on May 24, 2017: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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**POWERS AND DUTIES OF NAVIGATION DISTRICTS AND
PORT AUTHORITIES**

CHAPTER 427

S.B. No. 1395

AN ACT

relating to the powers and duties of navigation districts and port authorities.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 60.035, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 60.035. NOTICE OF CERTAIN OIL, GAS, AND MINERAL LEASES ~~[LEASE]~~.

SECTION 2. Section 60.035(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Before a district may enter into a lease ~~[may be executed by the commission]~~ under Section 60.034 ~~[of this code]~~, the district ~~[commission]~~ shall have a notice requesting bids on the lease published in a newspaper of general circulation in the district. The notice shall be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks before the final date for the receipt of bids. Chapter 71, Natural Resources Code, does not apply to a lease made under this section if the lease is made in accordance with this section and Sections 60.036 and 60.037 of this chapter.

SECTION 3. Section 60.040, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 60.040. PUBLICATION OF NOTICE FOR SALES, EASEMENTS, AND LEASES IN EXCESS OF 50 YEARS. (a) Before making a sale, easement, or lease of real property ~~[land]~~ for more than 50 years, the district ~~[commission]~~ shall publish a notice in the manner provided in Section 60.035.

(b) A district may enter into negotiations with one or more potential buyers, easement grantees, or lessees before the publication of the notice without affecting the validity of the sale, easement, or lease.

SECTION 4. Section 60.041, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 60.041. SECURITY FOR BIDS ON REAL PROPERTY ~~[LAND]~~ TO BE SOLD OR LEASED FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS. Each bid submitted on real property ~~[land]~~ to be sold or leased for more than 50 years under Section 60.040 shall be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond with a responsible corporate surety authorized to do business in Texas. The check or bond shall be in an amount equal to five percent of the bid price for the real property ~~[land]~~ or 100 percent of ~~[for]~~ the first rental payment under the lease and shall guarantee that the bidder will perform the terms of the bid if it is accepted by the district ~~[commission]~~.

SECTION 5. Section 60.042, Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 60.042. AWARD AND EXECUTION OF DEED OR LEASE IN EXCESS OF 50 YEARS. (a) After notice is published under Section 60.040 ~~[of this code]~~, the district ~~[commission]~~ may sell or lease in accordance with that section all or any part of the real property ~~[land]~~ to the highest and best bidder for an amount which is not less than the reasonable market value in the locality at the time and place of the sale or lease.

(b) The commission shall adopt a resolution or ~~[enter an]~~ order ~~[in its minutes]~~ confirming the sale or lease. The resolution or order shall include or incorporate by reference the terms of the sale or lease and the consideration and shall provide that the executive director of the district, or a person authorized by the executive director of the district, is authorized to ~~[commission will]~~ execute the ~~[a]~~ deed or lease as soon as the successful bidder complies with the terms of the ~~[his]~~ bid.